STATEMENT

Norms for Opening of Post Offices: Eefective From 1.4.1991. Branch Post Office:

In normal Rural Areas.

i) Population:-

3000 population in a group of villages.

ii) Distance:

The minimum distance from the nearest existing post office will be 3 Kmts.

iii) Anticipated income:

The minimum anticipated revenue will be 33-1/3% of the cost.

i) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and in accessible Rural Areas;

Population:

500 population in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages.

ii) Distance:-

The distance limit will be the same as above except that in hilly areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate.

iii) Anticipated income:-

The minimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost.

SUB POST OFFICES:

In so far as Urban areas are concerned the norms for opening Post Offices are as follows:-

i) The anticipated income should not be less than the anticipated cost. At the first review, the actual income should be 5% more than the actual cost.

ii) No new post offices should be opened within 2 Kmts. of an existing Post Office (1.5 Kmts. in the cost of metropolitan and other cities with a population of 20 lakh and above.

Irrigation Potential

5014. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the irrigation potential created upto the end of the Sixth Five-Year-Plan;

(b) the target fixed for the creation of additional irrigation potential in the Seventh Five-Year-Plan;

(c) the extent to which this target has been achieved; and

(d) the target fixed for 1991-92 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) 675.3 lakh hectares.

(b) and (c) Against the target of 129.1 lakh hectares for Seventh Five Year Plan, the anticipated achievement is reported to be 122.1 lakh hectares.

(d) 26.23 lakh hectares.

[*Translation*]

Opening of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices in Rural Areas

5015. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: